in this work as material modification. Action for obtaining CCEA clearance for the project has been initiated. On receipt of clearance from CCEA, work will be taken up immediately.

Extension of Circular Railway Network in Kolkata upto Dum Dum Airport

The alignment covering an approx. distance of 4 km. passes through an ordnance factory and through Dum Dum/Jessop/Airport Authority of India land. Issue of transfer of land is under negotiation with these organisations. Preliminary works of survey has been completed and detailed design of structure is in progress. Tenders for the ramp portion has been finalised and work is expected to start shortly. Tenders for substructure have been opened and are under finalisation. Expenditure figures will be known on closure of accounts at the end of the financial year

Connection of Gauge Conversion of Bankura-Damodar Line from Shyamsundarnagar to Chechai

Work of gauge conversion of Bankura-Damodar line has been taken up and the contracts have been awarded. An amount of Rs. 40 crores have been provided in the budget for the current year. For the connection from this line to Chechai, Traffic-c urn-Engineering Survey has been completed and the materia! modification estimate is under finalisation.

Electrification of Circular Railway from Tala to Majherhat

The contracts for electrification from Tala to Princepghat have been awarded and foundation work for electric masts is in progress. Extension for circular railway from Princepghat to Majherhat has been sanctioned and for this stretch civil construction work has already been taken in hand.

Expenditure will be known on closure of accounts at the end of the financial year. A sum of Rs. 45 crores have been provided for all the works on circular railway in the budget of the current financial year.

Networking system for computerised Rail reservation

† 1405. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether software for networking system is available at all those places

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where computerised reservation facilities have been made available and whether this system has been further developed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when capitals of all the States are likely to be brought under the networking system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. All computerised reservation terminals on India Railways are working in a networking configuration, thereby making it feasible to book onward/return tickets from any terminal, from anywhere to anywhere on the PRS network. This networking facility is completed in all respect.

(c) All State capitals including newly created States of Uttaranchal, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh have already been provided with computerised reservation facility. PRS terminals at the State capitals are also functioning in networking configuration.

Consumption of electricity and diesel for running trains

† 1406. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the trains in the country ace being run with electricity and diesel;

(b) if so, whether any facts relating to wastage of above types of fuels being used to run trains, have come to light;

(c) if so, whether Government have conducted any study on utilisation of fuel; and

(d) if so, what is the assessment regarding consumption of electricity and diesel for running trains and what is the difference between this assessment and the actual consumption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

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